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Westfield Historic Commission

Minutes for January 25, 2016

Westfield City Hall/Room 201

Present: Kate Deviny, Carly Bannish, Amanda Goodheart, Cindy Gaylord, Walt Fogg, Ellen McEwan

Public participation:

- Dick Patterson and Scott Dunkin reported on the old schoolhouse in Wyben. Scott, a retired contractor, will donate his time to price out the work that still needs to be done on the schoolhouse. Dick is working with the Westfield Technical Academy to build five sets of shutters to the specifications of the one original shutter discovered recently under the floorboards of the schoolhouse. Scott reported on the port-a-potty issue we have if we would like school groups to visit the site. Dick has reached out to corporate sponsors to help fund the restoration. He is also checking into possible CPC grant money. Cindy will check with Jay Vinskey on current available funds from the last CPC grant.
- Peter Miller updated us on the progress of the Historic Signage. These signs (18"x24") will bring attention to the downtown's historic district. The goal is to have them out by summer. He is working to identify approximately \$5,000 to fund the project.
- Kate Deviny announced the Westfield Athenaeum is having a Lego contest asking contestants to construct historic buildings out of Legos.

Secretary's Report:

Amanda moved to accept the secretary's report.

Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mailings:

- Historic US Route 20 signs- no action necessary
- Kate Deviny's swearing in papers

Old Business:

- We would like to purchase a replacement plaque for the Smith Avenue baseball field. Amanda moved to have a replicate made. Ellen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Repairs to the Old Burying Ground gate were discussed. Moving forward we will need to hire an expert to inspect the gate. We'll get quotes to do the rest of the restoration. Rick Gaylord will replace the pieces we have relocated in the meantime.
- Website updates: The mayor gave us Lenore Bernashe's name for website changes. Walt will contact her regarding the necessary changes to the WHC site.
- Replacement of Ingersoll stone: Cindy talked to the mayor who told her we must get the City Council's okay to put the replacement stone in the OBG. An Ingersoll relative will pay for it.
- Irving Slavid/Tamara: We will split the restoration work between these two individuals in the OBG and will use the remainder of our grant money on the next phase of restoration there.

New Business:

- Cindy met with the mayor and updated him on our numerous projects and the Atwater Mansion
- Cindy will secure a date in March for the WHC to present to the City Council
- Cindy updated us on the January 14th CPC meeting. At the next meeting (April) they will decide on the Old Town Hall request.

Amanda moved to adjourn. Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Bannish, Secretary